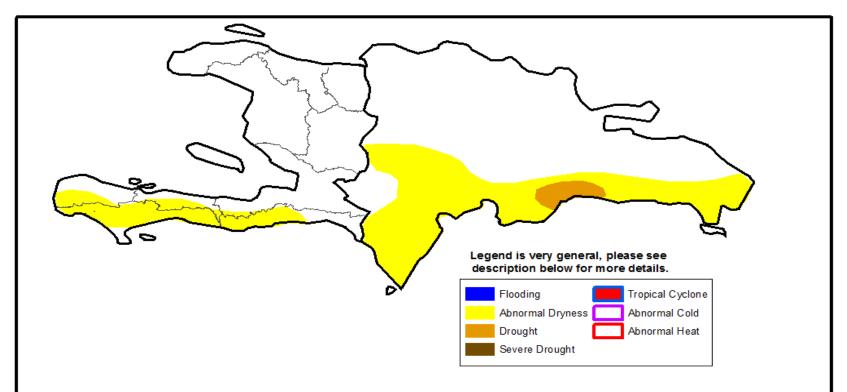


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 17 – July 23, 2014

Prolonged dryness persists despite a slight increase in rainfall during the past week.



During the past week, a slight increase in rainfall was observed over Hispaniola. Moderate rains fell over the dryness stricken areas of the Sud department of southern Haiti and south-central Dominican Republic. Moderate rains were also recorded over central Haiti and western Dominican Republic. However, large rainfall deficits have persisted across the southern and northeastern parts of the Island. From the beginning of May to date, cumulative rainfall has accounted for only between 25-50 percent of the average over southern Hispaniola. In Haiti, the lack of rains combined with high temperatures has negatively impacted crops. In the Dominican Republic, the prolonged dryness has resulted in low dam river levels, which have led to water restriction and some power outages over the Santo Domingo region. Recent vegetation indices have shown poor and below-average conditions over many local areas of southern Hispaniola. During the next week, dry weather is expected to continue. This could exacerbate ground conditions over many local areas. However, heavy showers are forecast over localized areas of the L'Artibonite and Sud-Est departments of Haiti and central regions of the Dominican Republic.